

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, September 14, 2021 6:00 PM, CROW WING TOWN HALL

Board Members Present: Chairman Tucker Schuety, Supervisor Doug Kern, Supervisor Paul Stephany, Treasurer and Appointed Clerk Sue Kern, Appointed Treasurer Diane Stephany, and Clerk Duane Ruona.

Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Doug made a motion to approve the agenda. Paul seconded, motion passed 3-0.

There were no gopher bounties.

Under New Business the BMX Track lease was discussed. Clayton Caird and Jennifer Halbur were in attendance representing the BMX Track. The lease payment of \$1.00 per year was last paid in 2017. The question of paying the remainder of the 20 year lease was brought up. Brad Arnold said that the intent was for the \$1.00 yearly payment be made with a representative attending a Town Board meeting once a year so both sides knew what was going on at the track and any questions or problems could be addressed. Mr. Caird stated that the track has been averaging 110-120 riders each week this summer. They are trying to get a national event at the track and parking would be an issue if that happens. The Town Board has allowed the use of the baseball field for parking and the BMX track personnel has installed a gate between the track and ball field. The gate would only be open for overflow parking. They would like to clear out brush to the south of the track so they could have more parking space without having to use the ball field. Mr. Caird will measure the area that they want to expand to and let the township know. The lease for the BMX track will have to be updated to reflect any changes. Brad brought up that with additional parking there may need to be more exits in case of an emergency such as a tornado. Mr. Caird also mentioned that they would like to build a pavilion on the property as a shelter from rain and area that was wheelchair accessible. It was agreed that a report on track activities would be provided each September and the lease payments were brought up to date.

Brad talked about Planning Commission issues. The 75 foot flagpole request was tabled at Monday's Planning Commission meeting because of a problem with the computer software that created addresses for neighboring property owners when the public hearing notice was sent out. The public hearing will be rescheduled. There was discussion about the current property violation list and it was recommended that the Town Board remove all but Mr. Chad Jillson from the list. The current process is not getting results and the Planning Commission is working on a step by step process to handle violation complaints. Brad will talk to the neighbor of Wade Tomberlin about his concerns with the property violation issues. Permit activity is running similar to other years. No new information has been received from KLD or Tom Feierabend on the township taking over Lone Oak Circle. Tucker made a motion to remove Tomberlin, Dillon, Ruckdaschel, Neelan and Copa from the violation list. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Under Public Comments Gerry Schuety said that Fyles Portable Restrooms will place a new Porta Potty at the park and get rid of the old one. The septic tank will be pumped out October 11th. Gerry had estimates from Menards for the fencing to be installed between the Park and Town Hall and replacements for the toilets at the town hall. There is a stump that needs to be removed at the park. Brad gave an update on the installation of playground equipment. He has been in contact with the people at CentraCare about getting the equipment up here this fall and is waiting for a response.

Payroll was reviewed and approved. The Treasurer's report and claim numbers 1586-1607 were reviewed and approved.

Doug gave the Road Report. Trees that were down have been removed. Brad talked to Scott at Anderson Brothers about the questions raised at the last meeting about Gorrion Road repairs. The least expensive option of \$117,208.44 did not include any fabric. Including fabric or geogrid material would cost an additional \$16,500.00. Anderson Brothers could do the work in late September. 2022 prices could be different based on oil prices. Scott couldn't give a number to the expected road life with repairs but an average for 7-ton roads is 20-30 years. Doing a road project with the county reduces the cost because of the larger volumes of material in the contract. Brad also asked Scott to look at the sinkholes on 50th Avenue. Scott passed it on to Chris Larson who gave an estimate of \$9,000.00 to repair the damage. He also

recommended that wire mesh be installed along the shoulders to keep the rodents out of the roadbed. Tucker said it is late in the year and the freeze-thaw cycle could damage new paving so he thought we should wait until spring to do anything on Gorrion Road. The repairs to 50th Avenue will wait until spring also. Paul brought up that the previous patch on the east end of Lone Oak Road is breaking up and fabric is showing through. Doug will look at it. Brad said that because of the issues coming up now maybe the township needs to bond for roads as they did about 20 years ago. Doug said that if they did a lot of roads at one time they would need to be done again in 20 years.

The Sourcewell Community Matching Funds grant was discussed. The total cost for the updated Comprehensive Plan was \$4,251.92 and the 50% match would be \$2,125.96. Tucker made a motion to submit the request for matching funds from Sourcewell for \$2,125.96. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Under Communications the notice about the in-person training was reviewed. A notice about Local Board of Appeal and Equalization training was reviewed. Doug is certified to 2023 and Paul and Tucker until 2024.

Doug brought up that there was training available from township attorneys for legal issues for supervisors. Doug made a motion that the township pay for the attendance at the Township Legal Seminar. Tucker seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Sue brought up that MAT online training for treasurers is available. Tucker made a motion to approve Diane taking online training from MAT. Doug seconded. Motion passed 2-0 with Paul abstaining.

A motion was made by Doug to approve the August 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written, seconded by Tucker. Motion passed 3-0.

Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.